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TAGS: CASC, OEXC, UR (RAHEEM ALI, ABDUL)

SUBJECT: INJURY OF US AAU WRESTLER AT CHAMPOINSHIP MATCH IN  
MINSK, USSR

1. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT ABDUL RAHEEM ALI, MEMBER OF US AAU TEAM PARTICIPATING IN WORLD CHAMPION WRESTLING MATCHES AT MINSK, SUFFERED HAIRLINE FRACTURE OF THE SECOND VERTEBRAE OF HIS NECK, EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 11. HE IS IN TRACTION AT SOVIET HOSPITAL AND HIS PROGNOSIS SEPTEMBER 12 IS GOOD. HE HAS FEELING AND MOTION IN HIS LIMBS.

2. SUBJECT IS A US SERVICEMAN STATIONED WITH A US ARMY MP COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, BUT EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE BASE. TEAM LEADER REPORTEDLY TRYING TO REACH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY BY TELEPHONE (NUMBER NOT YET AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY).

3. MOST OF THE TEAM WILL LEAVE MINSH SEPT 15 BY TRAIN FOR WARSAW, BUT SOME MEMBERS WILL FLY OUT THROUGH MOSCOW SEPT 18. THE TEAM MANAGER HOPES THAT ALI CAN FLY OUT OF THE 18TH SITTING UP WITH HIS NECK IN A BRACE, BUT THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE WILL HAVE TO GO OUT IN TRACTION. AN AMERICAN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON EXPECTED IN MINSK TOMORROW WITH THE SECOND PORTION OF THE US TEAM WILL ASSIST.

4. DEPT REQUESTED TO TRY TO LOCATE BASE AT WHICH SUBJECT LOCATED AND PASS ON ABOVE INFORMATION TO HIS WIFE AND MP COMPANY COMMANDER.

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